

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, in the above-identified application.

As an initial matter, Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-14.

In the present Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 15-20 and added new claims 21 and 22 which depend from claim 11. Applicant notes that new claims 21 and 22 are fully supported by the originally filed specification and are similar in scope to allowed claims 9 and 10.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,767,419 to Fattore. Claims 15-17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,328,156 to Hoke. As noted above, claims 15-20 have been canceled, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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